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SUBJ: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: 21ST SESSION: PLENARY DISCUSSION

OF DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION ON 2ND CYCLE OF COUNTRY

PROGRAMS 1977-1981 -- NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

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1. LATE JANUARY 30, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, WE ACCEPTED
IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE. BEGIN
QUOTE: DUE ATTENTION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE PRO-
VISION OF APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. END QUOTE.

2. THIS LANGUAGE WILL BE EMBODIED IN A LENGTHY DOCUMENT
DEALING WITH THE SECOND UNDP CYCLE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO
BE APPROVED BY THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL PLENARY SESSION
ON FEBRUARY 3.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT, DEPENDING ON THE IMMEDIATE TACTICAL
SITUATION AND WHAT OTHERS MIGHT SAY, THE DELEGATION SHOULD
HAVE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO PLACE A STATEMENT OF
INTERPRETATION ON THE RECORD. DURING THE JANUARY 30

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DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE JUNE

SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, THE YEMEN DELEGATION INDICATED EXPLICITLY THAT THEY EXPECT THE PLO TO FIGURE IN THE UNDP DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH HAS HERETOFORE BEEN LIMITED TO AFRICAN MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU.

4. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TEXT: BEGIN QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION IS VERY PLEASED TO EXPRESS ITS APPROVAL OF THE DOCUMENT BEFORE US. WE CONSIDER THAT THIS DECISION IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORK THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. IT IS OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THE DECISION WE ARE APPROVING TODAY -- ALONG WITH THE OTHER DECISIONS -- WILL PROVIDE A FIRM BASIS FOR THE UNDP TO SOLVE ITS PRESENT URGENT PROBLEMS AND MOVE FORWARD WITH ITS VITALLY IMPORTANT TASKS.

IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, I WISH TO EXPLAIN MY DELEGATION'S ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 11, DEALING WITH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MY DELEGATION DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH THIS LANGUAGE LATE FRIDAY AT THE INSISTENCE OF AN OBSERVER DELEGATION (FYI: EGYPT) AND AT THE STRONG URGING OF A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU WHO WAS CONDUCTING THE CONSULTATIONS. WE DID SO IN ORDER TO PERMIT CONCLUSION OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS AND -- INDEED -- TO PERMIT THE COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SENTENCE NEITHER INVOLVES NOR IMPLIES ANY CHANGE IN THE POLICY OR ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TOWARD ANY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. OUR POLICY ON SUCH MATTERS IS DECIDED AS A FUNCTION OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND IN OTHER CONTEXTS. SECONDLY, I WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE LANGUAGE REFERRING TO "RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL". IN VIEW OF THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN IN THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, MY DELEGATION CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT ANY FURTHER DECISIONS BEARING ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S USUAL PRACTICE, I.E., BY CONSENSUS. I MENTION THIS LATTER POINT NOT IN ORDER TO RAISE ANY LEGAL QUESTION ABOUT OUR RULES OF PROCEDURE BUT ONLY TO CALL ATTENTION TO WHAT MY DELEGATION

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CONSIDERS A CLEAR MORAL AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT. END QUOTE.

5. REQUEST WASHINGTON APPROVAL AND/OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE FOREGOING ASAP.
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